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KC WOMAN SENTENCED FOR METH CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., woman was sentenced in federal court today for participating in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

Michelle R. Vasquez, 33, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to five years and 10 months in federal prison without parole.

On April 14, 2004, **Vasquez** pleaded guilty to participating in a conspiracy to distribute five grams or more of methamphetamine on Feb. 20, 2003.

Vasquez is the second co-defendant to be sentenced in this case.

On Aug. 6, 2004, **Steven G. Roden**, 28, of Kansas City, was also sentenced to five years and 10 months in federal prison without parole. **Roden** pleaded guilty on April 7, 2004, to participating in a conspiracy to distribute five grams or more of methamphetamine on Feb. 20, 2003.

The co-defendants admitted that **Vasquez** met with an undercover law enforcement officer on Feb. 20, 2003, in North Kansas City, where they awaited the arrival of **Roden**, who was delivering the methamphetamine. After **Roden** experienced car trouble, **Vasquez** arranged for the location of the methamphetamine transaction to be moved to a motel room in Kansas City.

After the co-defendants and undercover officer arrived at the motel room, the officer provided **Roden** with \$1,000 and **Roden**, in turn, provided the officer with 14 grams of methamphetamine, Graves said.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeTar Newbert. It was investigated by the Metro Meth Task Force.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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